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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Members of the Board Evart Public Library Evart, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Evart Public Library, Evart, Michigan, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the Library's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Evart Public Library's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Evart Public Library as of June 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages iii through vi and 16, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Evart Public Library, Evart Michigan's basic financial statements. The accompanying financial information listed as "Other Information" in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, it is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

BAIRD, COTTER AND BISHOP, P.C.

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EVART, MICHIGAN

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Evart Public Library is located in Osceola County, Michigan. The Management's Discussion and Analysis, a requirement of GASB 34, is intended to be the Evart Public Library's administration's discussion and analysis of the financial results for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), according to GASB 34, require the reporting of two types of financial statements: Fund financial statements and government-wide financial statements.

A. Fund Financial Statements

The fund level statements are reported on a modified accrual basis in that only those assets that are "measurable" and "currently available" are reported. Liabilities are recognized to the extent they are normally expected to be paid with current financial resources.

B. Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are calculated using full accrual accounting and more closely represent those presented by business and industry. The entire Library's assets and liabilities, both short and long-term, are reported. As such, these statements include capital assets, net of related depreciation, as well as long-term debt of the Library.

C. Summary of Net Assets

The following schedule summarizes the net assets at June 30:

	2007	2006
Assets		
Current Assets	\$ 87,247	\$ 82,853
Non Current Assets		
Capital Assets	903,130	889,744
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(282,891)	(231,764)
Total Non Current Assets	620,239	657,980
Total Assets	\$ 707,486	\$ 740,833
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$ 9,978	\$ 8,094
Non Current Liabilities	14,129	32,690
Total Liabilities	24,107	40,784
Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets Net of Related Debt	598,126	619,244
Unrestricted	85,253	80,805
Total Net Assets	683,379	700,049
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 707,486	\$ 740,833

EVART, MICHIGAN

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

D. Analysis of Financial Position

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, the Library's net assets decreased by \$16,670. A few of the more significant factors affecting net assets during the year are discussed below:

1. Depreciation Expense

GASB 34 requires Libraries to maintain a record of annual depreciation expense and the accumulation of depreciation expense over time. The net increase in accumulated depreciation expense is a reduction in net assets.

Depreciation expense is recorded on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets. In accordance with GAAP, depreciation expense is calculated based on the original cost of the asset less an estimated salvage value, where applicable. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, \$51,127 was recorded for depreciation expense.

2. Capital Outlay Acquisitions

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, \$13,386 of expenditures were capitalized and recorded as assets of the Library. These additions to the Library's capital assets will be depreciated over time as explained above.

The net effect of the new capital assets and the current year's depreciation is a decrease to capital assets in the amount of \$37,741 for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007.

E. Results of Operations

For the fiscal years ended June 30, 2007 and 2006, the results of operations were:

	20	07	2006		
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	
General Revenues				_	
Property Taxes	\$ 58,511	40.15%	\$ 56,335	35.73%	
Investment Earnings	464	0.32%	323	0.20%	
State Sources	79,227	54.36%	75,412	47.84%	
Other	6,303	4.33%	24,805	15.73%	
Total General Revenues	144,505	99.16%	156,875	99.50%	
Program Revenues					
Operating Grants	1,225	0.84%	789	0.50%	
Total Revenues	\$145,730	100.00%	\$157,664	100.00%	

EVART, MICHIGAN

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

	20	2007		06
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total
Expenses		<u> </u>		_
Recreation and Culture	\$159,996	98.52%	\$164,718	97.73%
Interest on Long-term Debt	2,404	1.48%	3,832	2.27%
	162,400	100.00%	168,550	100.00%
Change in Net Assets	\$ (16,670)		\$ (10,886)	

F. Analysis of Significant Revenues and Expenses

Significant revenues and expenses are discussed in the segments below:

1. Property Taxes

The Library receives property taxes for operations.

For the year ended June 30, 2007, the Library recognized \$58,511 of property tax revenue, an increase of 3.8% from 2006 fiscal year.

2. State Sources

The majority of the state sources are comprised of penal fines received from Clare and Osceola Counties. The Library collected \$73,170 in penal fines for the year ended June 30, 2007 and received state aid of \$6,057.

G. General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The Uniform Budget Act of the State of Michigan requires that the Board approve the original budget for the upcoming fiscal year prior to its starting on July 1. Any amendments made to the operating budget must be approved by the Board prior to the close of the year on June 30.

For the year ended June 30, 2007, the Library amended the general fund budget in June 2007. The following schedule shows a comparison of the original general fund budget, the final amended general fund budget and actual totals from operations:

EVART, MICHIGAN

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

				VA	RIANCE
	ORIGINAL	FINAL		WIT	H FINAL
	BUDGET	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BU	JDGET
Total Revenues	\$ 149,950	\$149,950	\$145,730	\$	4,220
Total Expenditures	149,950	149,950	142,247		7,703

H. Capital Asset

1. Capital Assets

At June 30, 2007, the Library had \$903,130 in capital assets, including land, buildings, equipment, furniture and fixtures, as well as books. Depreciation expense for the year amounted to \$51,127 bringing the accumulated depreciation to \$282,891 as of June 30, 2007.

I. Long-Term Debt

As of June 30, 2007, the Library owes \$22,113 on the loan. The Library did not borrow any additional money during this fiscal year. Total debt decreased from \$38,736 at June 30, 2006 to \$22,113 at June 30, 2007, a reduction of \$16,623. The balance is currently due February 3, 2010 and requires monthly payments of \$790.76. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 8%. More information on the Library's long-term debt is available in the Notes to Financial Statements section of this document, on page 14.

J. Factors Bearing on the Library's Future

At the time that these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Library was aware of the following items that could significantly affect its financial health in the future:

A significant portion of the Library's funding comes from property taxes and penal fines, any impairment to these funding sources would greatly impact the future of the Library.

K. Contacting the Library's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Library's finances and to demonstrate the Library's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report, please contact the Evart Public Library, 104 N. Main Street, Evart, Michigan 49631.

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2007

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 27,153
Taxes Receivable	399
Due from Other Governmental Units	48,355
Investments	 11,340
Total Current Assets	 87,247
NON CURRENT ASSETS	
Capital Assets	903,130
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(282,891)
Total Non Current Assets	 620,239
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 707,486
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
LIABILITIES	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	\$ 876
Payroll Liabilities	1,118
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	 7,984
Total Current Liabilities	 9,978
NON CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Loan Payable	22,113
Less Current Portion	(7,984)
Total Non Current Liabilities	14,129
Total Liabilities	 24,107
NET ASSETS	
Invested in Capital Assets Net of Related Debt	598,126
Unrestricted	85,253
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Total Net Assets	 683,379
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 707,486

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

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			PI	ROGRAM	NET	(EXPENSES)
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			CHA	ARGES FOR	Cl	HANGE IN
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS	EX	KPENSES	S	ERVICES	NE	ET ASSETS
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES						
Recreation and Culture	\$	159,996	\$	1,225	\$	(158,771)
Interest on Long-term Debt		2,404		0		(2,404)
Total Governmental Activities	\$	162,400	\$	1,225		(161,175)
GENERAL REVENUES						
Property Taxes -General Purposes						58,511
Investment Earnings						464
State Sources						79,227
Contributions and Donations						5,415
Other						888
Total General Revenues						144,505
Change in Net Assets						(16,670)
NET ASSETS - Beginning of Year						700,049
NET ASSETS - End of Year					\$	683,379

GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2007

ASSETS

Cash	\$	27,153
Receivables		
Taxes		399
Due from Other Governmental Units		
Clare County		4,053
Osceola County		33,661
Osceola Township		7,612
State of Michigan		3,017
Mid Michigan Library League		12
Investments		11,340
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	87,247
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$	976
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Payroll Liabilities	Ф	876 1,118
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Total Liabilities	Ф	1,118
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Total Liabilities FUND BALANCE Unreserved	\$ 	1,118 1,994

RECONCILIATION OF BALANCE SHEET OF GENERAL FUND TO NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2007

Total General Fund Balance \$85,253

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the funds

The cost of the capital assets is 903,130 (282,891) 620,239

Long term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and are not reported in the funds

(22,113)

\$ 683,379

Loan Payable

NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

GENERAL FUND

$\frac{\text{SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE}}{\text{BUDGET AND ACTUAL}}$

	BUDGET	A	CTUAL
REVENUES			
Local			
City of Evart			
Current Property Tax	\$ 41,000	\$	36,457
Industrial Facilities Tax	0		1,155
Evart Township			
Current Property Tax	12,000		13,287
Osceola Township			
Current Property Tax	6,000		7,612
State Grants			
Library State Aid	7,000		6,057
Library Penal Fines			
Clare County	5,000		4,052
Osceola County	72,000		69,118
Contribution from Local Units			
Hartwick Township	300		300
Orient Township	300		400
Sylvan Township	400		750
Interest and Rents			
Interest and Dividends	300		464
Other Revenues			
Contributions and Donations from Private Sources	4,000		3,965
Charges for Services	1,000		1,225
Sale of Books	650		770
Miscellaneous	0		118
Total Revenues	149,950		145,730
EXPENDITURES			
Recreation and Culture			
Personal Services			
Librarian	31,600		29,872
Technician and Aides	20,100		22,040
Custodial	7,600		5,465
Treasurer	2,100		2,200
Museum Coordinator	4,300		4,300
Museum Assistant	1,500		1,500
Trustees	2,000		1,740

GENERAL FUND

$\frac{\text{SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE}}{\text{BUDGET AND ACTUAL}}$

Supplies 1,000 65 Operating Supplies 1,500 2,20 Magazines and Newspapers 1,200 1,70 Museum Supplies 400 82 Computer Supplies 2,600 2,33 Purchased Services 400 82 Auditing and Bookkeeping Insurance 2,500 2,33 Bond 65 5 Worker's Compensation 775 78 Telephone 2,000 2,13 Travel and Education 50 1 Utilities 40 6,500 6,00 Electricity 6,500 6,00		BUDGET	ACTUAL
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·	Debt Service	,	,
·	Loan Interest Payments	0	3,369
Principal Payment 24,000 16,62	Principal Payment	24,000	16,623
Contingency 210		210	0
Total Expenditures 149,950 142,24	Total Expenditures	149,950	142,247
Net Change in Fund Balance 0 3,48	Net Change in Fund Balance	0	3,483
FUND BALANCE - Beginning of Year 81,770 81,770	FUND BALANCE - Beginning of Year	81,770	81,770
<u>FUND BALANCE</u> - End of Year \$ 81,770 \$ 85,25	FUND BALANCE - End of Year	\$ 81,770	\$ 85,253

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Net change in Fund Balance General Fund	\$	3,483
Amounts reported for governmental activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. In the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation.		
Depreciation Expense (51,127	()	
Capital Outlay 13,386	*	(37,741)
Accrued interest on loans is recorded in the statement of activities when incurred; it is not recorded in governmental funds until it is paid.		
Accrued Interest Payable - Beginning of Year 965	;	
Accrued Interest Payable - End of Year 0	<u> </u>	965
Long-term debt principal payments are not expensed on the Statement of Activities, instead charged to the Line of Credit liability account.		16,623
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$	(16,670)

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

I. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The basic financial statements of the Evart Public Library have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Library's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

The Evart Public Library is a district library established under the provision of Act No. 164, Public Acts of 1955. The accounting policies of the Evart Public Library conform to generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governments. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

The financial statements of the Evart Public Library include the accounts of all operations. The Library's major operation is to operate a public library in Evart, Michigan. The Library board consists of six members, two of whom are appointed by each of the City of Evart, Evart Township and Osceola Township. As such, the City of Evart, Evart Township and Osceola Township are all 1/3 owners of the Library.

In addition, there are no component units to be included in the Library's reporting entity as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

GASB Statement No. 34 establishes standards for external financial reporting for state and local governments and requires that resources be classified for accounting and reporting purposes into the following three net asset categories.

Invested in Capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes, and other debt that are attributed to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets result when constraints placed on net asset use are either externally imposed by creditors, grantors, and contributions, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets consist of net assets which do not meet the definition of the two preceding categories.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the non-fiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially responsible.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

The government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Library as an entity and the change in aggregate financial position resulting from the activities of the fiscal period. The fund financial statements are similar to the financial statements presented in the previous financial reporting model.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Library are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds are maintained consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

Accrual Method

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement* focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Modified Accrual Method

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources* measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Library considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. Expenditure driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

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Property taxes, state and federal aid and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the Library.

The Library reports the following major governmental fund:

The <u>General Fund</u> is the primary operating fund of the Library. It is used to account for all financial resources of the Library.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

The Library's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, certificates of deposit, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from date of acquisition.

The Library's investment policy states that the Evart Public Library is limited to investments authorized by Act 20 of 1943, as amended, and may invest in the following:

- (a) Certificates of Deposit
- (b) Savings Accounts
- (c) Money Market Accounts

2. Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Donated capital assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets' lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related capital assets.

Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Books	10 years
Building	50 years
Furniture and Equipment	10 years
Building Improvements	20 years

The Library's capitalization policy is to capitalize individual amounts exceeding \$1,000 and all books.

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3. Compensated Absences

Accumulated unpaid vacation, sick pay and other employee benefit amounts are not accrued in governmental funds (using the modified accrual basis of accounting). The Library does not allow employees to accrue these benefits beyond the end of the fiscal year. Also, upon termination of employment the employee will not be paid for any benefits accrued during the fiscal year.

4. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items.

5. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets.

6. Fund Balance

In the financial statements, the unreserved fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount available for budgeting future operations. Reserves of fund balance are for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

7. Use of Estimates

The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

II. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

A. Budgetary Information

The Library follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. The board of directors of the Library annually prepares an operating budget. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. The budget is approved by the Library board prior to the start of the fiscal year which it covers.

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- 3. All transfers of budget amounts between accounts within the General Fund must be approved by the Library board.
- 4. The budget for the General Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- 5. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.
- 6. Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed by the Library because, at present, it is not considered necessary to assure effective budgetary control or to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

III. DETAILED NOTES ON GENERAL FUND

A. Deposits and Investments

The Library's deposits are all on deposit with Citizens Bank. The Library's investments consist of shares of Automatic Data Processing, Inc.

Investment rate risk. The Library will minimize Interest Rate Risk, which is the risk that the market value of securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in market interest rates, by; structuring the investment portfolio so that securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations, thereby avoiding the need to sell securities in the open market; and investing operating funds primarily in shorter-term securities, liquid asset funds, money market mutual funds, or similar investing pools and limiting the average maturity in accordance with the Library's cash requirements.

Foreign currency risk. The Library is not authorized to invest in investments, which have this type of risk.

Credit risk. The Library will minimize Custodial Credit Risk, which is the risk of loss due to the failure of the security issuer or backer, by; limiting investments to the types of securities listed in the Library's investment policy; and pre-qualifying the financial institutions, brokers/dealer, intermediaries and advisors with which the Library will do business in accordance with the Library's investment policy.

Concentration of credit risk. The Library will minimize Concentration of Credit Risk, which is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of the Library's investment in a single issuer, by diversifying the investment portfolio so that the impact of potential losses from any one type of security or issuer will be minimized.

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Custodial credit risk – deposits. In the case of deposits, this is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. As of June 30, 2007, \$0 of the Library's bank balance of \$42,338 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized.

Custodial credit risk – investments. For an investment, this is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the government will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Library's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the Library at year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered, or securities held by the Library or the Library's agent in the Library's name. Category 2 includes investments that are uninsured and unregistered with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or its agent in the Library's name. Category 3 includes investments that are uninsured and unregistered, with the securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or its agent but not in the Library's name. At year end all of the Library's investments were uncategorized as to risk. The Library's investment in Automatic Data Processing, Inc. is at fair market value on the date of donation. Current market value is approximately \$13,000.

Balance sheet classifications:

	Deposits	Investments	Total
Cash	\$ 27,153	\$ 0	\$27,153
Investments	0	11,340	11,340
	\$ 27,153	\$ 11,340	\$ 38,493

B. Due from Other Governments

Amounts due from other governments of \$48,355 are comprised of penal fines, property taxes and state aid.

C. Capital Assets

A summary of changes in the Library's capital assets follows:

	Balance]	Balance	
	Jul	July 1, 2006		Additions		Deletions		e 30, 2007
Capital assets:								
Land	\$	15,000	\$	0	\$	0	\$	15,000
Books		227,685	13	3,386		0		241,071
Building		90,000		0		0		90,000
Furniture and Equipment		28,989		0		0		28,989
Building Improvements		528,070		0		0		528,070
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Subtotal		889,744	13	3,386		U		903,130

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Less Accumulated	Depreciation:
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Books	122,182	20,907	0	143,089
Buildings	14,850	1,800	0	16,650
Furniture and Equipment	15,105	2,017	0	17,122
Building Improvements	79,627	26,403	0	106,030
Subtotal	231,764	51,127	0	282,891
Net capital assets	\$ 657,980	\$(37,741)	\$ 0	\$ 620,239

Depreciation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007, amounted to \$51,127.

D. Property Taxes

The Library receives revenue from a city millage on the July tax roll. The taxes are levied as of July 1 and are due upon receipt of the billing by the taxpayer. The actual due date is August 14, after which time the bills become delinquent and penalties and interest may be assessed by the collecting entity. The Library also receives taxes from two Townships; Osceola and Evart.

For the year ended June 30, 2007, the Library levied the following mills per \$1,000 of taxable valuation on the city residents.

<u>PURPOSE</u>	MILLS	
Operating	.9702/\$1,000	City
Operating	.0300/\$1,000	Townships

E. Long-Term Debt

The Library had a secured line of credit for \$100,000 to be used to complete a construction project to remodel the Library building. The remodeling is now complete and the line of credit was renewed July 3, 2006 as a business loan at a fixed interest rate of 8% requiring monthly payments of \$790.76 for five years. The balance outstanding at June 30, 2007, was \$22,113.

A summary of the Long-Term Debt transactions for the Library for the year ended June 30, 2007, is as follows:

	 LOAN
Long-Term Debt at July 1, 2006	\$ 32,690
New Liabilities	0
Liabilities Retired	(10,577)
Liabilities Classified as Current	 (7,984)
Long-Term Debt at June 30, 2007	\$ 14,129

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2007

The annual requirements to amortize all long-term debt outstanding as of June 30, 2007, including interest payments of \$2,486 are as follows:

YEAR				
ENDING				
JUNE 30	PR	INCIPAL	INT	TEREST
2008	\$	7,984	\$	1,505
2009		8,660		829
2010		5,469		152
	\$	22,113	\$	2,486

F. Retirement Benefits

Retirement benefits are provided to the librarian through contributions to individual retirement accounts after completing one year of service for the Library. Such contributions equal \$100 per month for the librarian. Individual retirement account balances become the property of the employee immediately. Therefore, there are no plan assets or liabilities which would be includible as part of the Library reporting entity. For the year ended June 30, 2007, \$1,200 was contributed to the individual retirement account of the librarian.

G. Risk Management

The Library is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; natural disasters. The Library participates in a pool of municipalities within the State of Michigan for workers' compensation insurance. The Library pays annual premiums to the pool for the respective insurance coverage. In the event a pool's total claims and expenses for a policy year exceed the total normal annual premiums for said years, all members of the specific pool's policy year may be subject to special assessments to make up the deficiency. The Library has not been informed of any special assessments being required for the current year or previous three prior years.

H. Collections of Works of Art and Historical Treasures

The Library, over the years, has received contributions from patrons for such items as mastodon bones collections and rare books. The Library considers these items to be of an intangible nature, and is unable to place a cost on the items. Therefore, the items are not shown on these financial statements, and accordingly, no depreciation expense has been recorded on these items.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE GENERAL FUND

	ORIGINAL BUDGET		FINAL BUDGET		CTILAI	37 A 3	DIANCE
REVENUES		UDGET	DUDGET	A	ACTUAL		RIANCE
Local Sources	\$	65,950	65,950		66 502	\$	553
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State Sources		84,000	84,000		79,227		(4,773)
Total Revenues		149,950	149,950		145,730		(4,220)
EXPENDITURES							
Recreation and Culture							
Personal Services		69,200	69,200		67,117		2,083
Fringe Benefits		5,000	5,000		5,135		(135)
Purchased Services		24,090	24,090		23,314		776
Supplies		6,700	6,700		7,749		(1,049)
Capital Outlay		16,000	16,000		14,370		1,630
Miscellaneous		4,750	4,750		4,570		180
Debt Service							
Principal and Interest		24,000	24,000		19,992		4,008
Contingency		210	210		0		210
Total Expenditures		149,950	149,950		142,247		7,703
Net Change in Fund Balance		0	0		3,483		3,483
FUND BALANCE - Beginning of Year		81,770	81,770		81,770		0
FUND BALANCE - End of Year	\$	81,770	\$ 81,770	\$	85,253	\$	3,483

STATEMENT OF 2006 TAX ROLL JUNE 30, 2007

	TAXABLE VALUE	MILLS LEVIED	ΓAXES SSESSED	COLLECTIONS		TAXES RETURNED DELINQUENT	
City of Evart							
Current Property Tax	\$ 53,285,332	0.9702	\$ 51,693				
Less: D.D.A. Captured	(4,580,190)	0.9702	(4,444)				
L.D.F.A. Captured	(11,123,500)	0.9702	(10,792)				
	\$ 37,581,642	0.9702	\$ 36,457	\$	36,392	\$	65
Industrial Facilities Tax	\$ 2,381,450	0.4851	1,155				
Less: L.D.F.A. Captured	0	0.4851	0				
	\$ 2,381,450	0.4851	 1,155		1,155		0
			\$ 37,612	\$	37,547	\$	64
Evart Township	\$ 44,245,164	0.30	13,287		13,287		0
Osceola Township	\$ 25,372,961	0.30	 7,612		7,612		0
			\$ 58,511	\$	58,446	\$	64
Total Amount Captured by the D	D A						
and L.D.F.A. Combined	.D./1.		\$ 15,236				

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August 28, 2007

Evart Public Library 104 North Main Street Evart, Michigan

Dear Members of the Board:

We have completed our audit of the basic financial statements of the Evart Public Library and are communicating to you our findings and recommendations for the year ended June 30, 2007.

Tax Roll Presentation

We have included a tax roll reconcilement in this year's financial statements. This shows the taxable value of each unit and the mills being levied. It also shows the amount of captured tax of the LDFA and DDA and one-half millage rates applied to industrial facilities tax properties. We are noting a .9702 mill levy on city residents and a .3 mill levy on township residents. Also, for the year ended June 30, 2007, the tax revenue for the 2006 tax settlement was partially received from Osceola Township in August 2007. The Evart Public Library should have received an additional \$2,374.60 from Osceola Township. We recommend you send a reminder bill a couple months before June 30 each year to all the Townships to ensure timely payments of their tax dollars. We also recommend you send an additional bill to Osceola Township in order to collect the additional amount due.

Citizen's Bank Loan

The Citizen's Bank loan used for the building project has a balance at June 30, 2007 of \$22,113. The interest rate on the loan is 8% while the Checking account is earning 0.25%. We recommend the board consider the advantages of either paying additional principal on the loan in order to retire the debt early resulting in reduced interest cost or shifting some of the excess money in the checking account to a savings vehicle that may provide a greater rate of return but still maintain liquidity.

Budget Amendments

The 2006-2007 budget was amended at the July 16, 2007 board meeting. Any budget amendments need to be made before the end of that fiscal year. Per the Michigan Department of Treasury Uniform Budget Manual:

Evart Public Library August 28, 2007

Amending the Budget--When necessary, the budget must be amended. The amendment must be approved by the legislative body prior to the expenditure being made. This is not only a requirement of the Budget Act but also a requirement of sound budgeting theory. The purpose of a budget is not only to approve expenditures but also to control expenditures.

Please note that the Budget Act requires budget amendments *before* any expenditures exceed the budget. There is no authority to amend the budget after year end.

The Budget Act also requires an adopted budget prior to the beginning of a fiscal year. There is no provision to allow for a "continuation budget" or any other alternative to a full budget.

We wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board for the confidence they have expressed in our firm by awarding us this engagement. We hope these comments and recommendations will be viewed as constructive. Overall, we believe that the hard work and determination demonstrated by the Board and employees of the Library have enabled the Library to be successful, and will continue to make it successful well into the future.

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August 28, 2007

Evart Public Library Evart, Michigan

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Evart Public Library, Evart, Michigan as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Evart Public Libraries' internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the governmental unit's internal control. Accordingly we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the governmental unit's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be significant deficiencies and other deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or a combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the following deficiencies to be significant deficiencies in internal control:

1) Lack of Segregation of Duties

The relatively small number of people involved in the accounting functions of the Library and the design of the accounting system as developed by the state make it difficult to adequately segregate duties. Segregation of accounting duties is a fundamental method of strengthening internal control. However, in deciding what internal control procedures should be implemented,

the Board must consider the costs of implementing them and weigh those costs against the benefits to be derived from their implementation.

2) Lack of Adequate Controls to Produce Full Disclosure GAAP Basis Financial Statements.

All Michigan governments are required to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals (GAAP). This is a responsibility of the government's management. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires internal controls over both (1) recording, processing, and summarizing accounting data (i.e., maintaining internal books and records), and (2) reporting government-wide and fund financial statements, including the related footnotes (i.e., external financial reporting).

As is the case with many smaller and medium-sized entities, the government has historically relied on its independent external auditors to assist in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements and footnotes as part of its external financial reporting process. Accordingly, the government's ability to prepare financial statements in accordance with GAAP is based, in part, on its reliance on its *external* auditors, who cannot by definition be considered a part of the government's *internal* controls.

This condition was caused by the government's decision that it is more cost effective to outsource the preparation of its annual financial statements to the auditors than to incur the time and expense of obtaining the necessary training and expertise required for the government to perform this task internally. As a result of this condition, the government lacks internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and instead relies, in part, on its external auditors for assistance with this task.

The government has evaluated the cost vs. benefit of establishing internal controls over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and determined that it is in the best interests of the government to outsource this task to its external auditors, and to carefully review the draft financial statements and notes prior to approving them and accepting responsibility for their content and presentation.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or a combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We believe that the deficiencies described above constitute material weaknesses.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of the Board and others within the organization. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of the report, which is a matter of public record.

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